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1. The Kirov Machine Tool Plant (Kirovskiy stankostroitel'nyy zavod) was located in the northern part of Tbilisi west of the Tbilisi - Sukhumi - Moscow RR line. The plant was subordinate to the All-Union Ministry of Heavy Industry in Moscow. The last time I passed by the plant was in 1946. At that time it was composed of several shops located in a number of buildings. The area occupied by the plant was about 150 x 200 m. As far as I know, the plant manufactured various machine tools, mainly lathes and milling machines. In 1946 the Kirov Machine Tool Plant was employing several thousand workers working in three eight-hour shifts, 24 hours per day. I have no information on trademarks of the products they manufactured, distribution of goods, sources of raw materials, transportation facilities, or personalities at the plant. No further information.
2. The Rustavi Foundry (Rustavskiy metallurgicheskiy zavod) was located approximately 30 km. southeast of Tbilisi in the town of Rustavi which was built after World War II. The exact location of the foundry was between the Tbilisi - Baku RR line and the Kura River, west of Rustavi. I never visited this plant, but I passed it in 1951 while traveling by car to Kazakhi. As far as I know, the foundry was subordinate to the All-Union Ministry of Ferrous Metallurgy in Moscow. The area occupied by the foundry was probably two by three kilometers. I remember that there were three furnaces (stacks) and a large number of buildings. The foundry manufactured various types of steel, angle bars, sheet metal, rails, roofing sheet metal, as well as cast iron and structural

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steel. I remember that on several occasions I heard that all the scrap iron from the three Caucasian Republics (Armenian, Azerbaidzhan, and Georgian) was shipped to and collected in the Rustavi Foundry and processed there in order to avoid long-distance shipments to other foundries further from the Caucasus Area. I have no information on the number of workers employed by the Rustavi Foundry. I know, however, that in 1952 the population of Rustavi was 20,000 and that practically everybody living in Rustavi worked directly or indirectly for the Rustavi Foundry. No further information.7

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